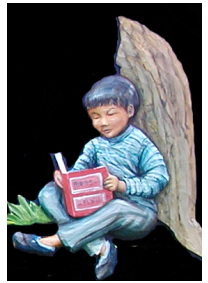


## GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

*June 15, 2015*

[www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools/coolidge](http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools/coolidge)



Dear Families,

I'm finding this last listserv a challenge to write- there is so much I want to say, and so much feeling behind it all. I'd like to begin with gratitude, because it matters most. As we began the morning on Field Day it hit me that the occasion marked our last all school gathering of the year, and I got a little sentimental. Your children are very special, and I will miss them this summer. It's a great gift to all of us at Coolidge that you trust us with your greatest treasures, and we've all been energized by what we accomplished together.

The end of the year sparks a lot of celebrations of student work, and whether we are looking at writing samples, evaluating problem solving skills or reporting out on reading levels, it's gratifying to see the gains individual children have made. The transition folders we prepare tell great stories of student success. I hope you've enjoyed some of that with your child, too.

At my house, anticipating summer means piles of sports equipment in the hall, frantic searches for appropriate shorts and sandals or clean sweaters as the weather changes, and dramatic mood swings as my girls prepare for final exams. But that's high school, and part of the stress comes from understanding that my children are now in charge of their learning. Preparing for summer in an elementary setting feels a little bit more like packing for a big trip. At this level, the adults are in charge of the packing. There's a lot to fit in, and although the children are enthusiastic about the journey, they see the suitcase as a chore. Thus I am asking for your help in motivating your child to think along with you and plan ahead for a summer that includes learning. Please:

- sit with your child before the end of next week to map out a reading routine. Please also work together to track reading times each day so your child is able to **see** the time they are investing; this will help them equate effort to success.
- make reading a consistent part of your family's summer schedule so that each student maintains the same level of proficiency as when they left school for the summer. Look for lots of different materials to read, including maps!
- look for the K-4 Summer Parent Letter and Sign-Off Sheet, Reading List, and Grades 3

and 4 Activity Sheet on the SPS website (<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1401827326494.htm>). The reading list provides a required summer book to be read (independently or with an adult) and a list of leveled books from which your child should choose and read an additional two titles based on their level. This list also serves as resource for additional titles at your child's independent reading level to supplement the summer reading requirements and provide additional material to keep your child reading all summer long!

- remember to use electronic resources, too. Your current username and passwords for Math in Focus links and websites like Raz Kids will enable your child to access important tools all summer.

Sincerely,

*Amy*

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

**TODAY**

Tuesday

**June 15 Last day for Kindergarten (full day)**

June 16 Fourth Grade Completion Ceremony,  
9:30 in the gym

**Wednesday**

**June 17 Last Day of School for Grades 1-4**

Please note: 12:15 Dismissal

**FYI**

### **1. LAST CHANCE TO TAKE THE COOLIDGE SCHOOL SURVEY:**

How do you think we've been doing with *our* work? Please take a few minutes to complete the brief survey below so that we can include your insights as we plan ahead for next year:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TNSNV75>

Our goal is continuous improvement, and your ideas will help us to get better at the things that matter most.

### **2. A Message From the Nurse:**

As the school year comes to a close, please remember:

- If you have given me medication or Epi Pens during the year, including over the counter remedies, please stop by before 12 Noon on June 17th. I am unable to send any medication home in

- your child's backpack. By law, no medications may be stored in the school over the summer months and will be destroyed.
- A new medication order is required at the beginning of each school year for prescription or over the counter medications that are taken on a regular basis. Please note that the medication policy is district wide. All necessary forms can be found on the SPS District webpage under "Nursing /Health Department:".
  - For those children moving onto Middle School, documentation of your child's physical exam must be within the past 3 years. Please submit any updates to the school. Grade 3 parents, if your child has a physical over the summer please submit a copy in the fall.

Have a Safe and Healthy Summer!

Mrs. Zimmermann RN, BSN, NCSN

# In Your Honor



## Say "Thank you!" with a Care Package for a "Special Someone" at Your Child's School – Grab a treat before heading to the beach or pool! Sponsored by the Shrewsbury Education Foundation and Apple Spice Café & Juice Bar

Honor someone on your child's school at the end of the school year with a gift to the Shrewsbury Education Foundation. We will recognize your \$25 donation with an In Your Honor Care Package, hand-delivered to that "special someone" on your child's school team.



Your gift to SEF helps fund grants to school staff to create innovative projects in the classroom! Each person you honor—teacher, aide, specialist, crossing guard, bus driver, office staff, nurse, principal—will be presented with a gift bag with a beach towel, a tube of sunscreen, english breakfast tea, fancy chocolates, and a \$5 gift certificate to Apple Spice Café & Juice Bar. Each gift bag is tagged with a special card honoring the recipient on your behalf.

**We've only got 25 of these specially-made care packages, so buy yours before they're all sold!**

**To ensure delivery during the last week of school, we've set an absolute deadline of June 13, 2015 at 12:00 noon. Any purchases made after that time can't be distributed until the next school year.**

To donate and purchase Care Package(s): fill out the form below and mail it, with a check payable to "Shrewsbury Education Foundation," to: Shrewsbury Education Foundation, % 1 Tory Drive, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. Or make your gift online with a credit card at [SEFgrants.org/InYourHonor](http://SEFgrants.org/InYourHonor). Forms must be received by June 13, 2015 at 12:00 noon or they can't be distributed until the next school year.

*Shrewsbury Education Foundation (SEF) is an all-volunteer organization.*

*Funds raised goes directly into your student's classrooms. SEF works to stimulate, strengthen, and support the creation and implementation of innovative educational programs and enrichment activities that are unique and benefit students of Shrewsbury Public Schools.*

**Please print clearly. You may use the back of the form for additional information or for clarifications.  
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Is this gift from an individual student or a class: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of your student or class: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR Name: (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR Email: (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

You can buy multiple Care Packages: (circle one) 1 (circle one) 2 (circle one) 3 x \$25 each = Amount enclosed: \$25 \$50 \$75

Teacher #1 FULL Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/role/title/team: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher #2 FULL Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/role/title/team: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher #3 FULL Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/role/title/team: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher #4 FULL Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/role/title/team: \_\_\_\_\_